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SUBJ: TOGOLESE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY: MOTOROLA AND NORTH KOREANS

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1. DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM REFTEL (B) OF MOTOROLA INC'S INTEREST IN SELLING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO GOT. MOTOROLA REPS KULESHA (SEE REF) AND OTTO RUEGER VISITED LOME IN OCTOBER TO DISCUSS PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY PROGRAM WITH ARMY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER ON PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S STAFF, AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS. SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION WERE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE POLICE SECURITY SYSTEM (SUCH AS CLOSED CIRCUIT TV, INFRAED DEVICES), SECURE INSTANT COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN LOME AND LAMA-KARA GARRISON, AND SHORT-RANGE SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS NET FOR LOME. MOTOROLA NOW PREPARING PROPOSAL.

2. REFTEL (A) DESCRIBES NORTH KOREAN DRAFT PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE, ARM AND TRAIN IN LAMA-KARA 500-MAN PRESIDENTIAL GUARD DETACHMENT FOR EYADEMA'S SECURITY. DETACHMENT WILL INCLUDE 10-MAN COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. NORTH KOREANS PROPOSE TO PROVIDE TWO "TELEPHONISTS" TO TRAIN THIS SECTION, CODE OFFICER AS PART OF
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GUARD HEADQUARTERS STAFF, AND SECTION OF THEIR OWN GUARDS

AND SECURITY MEN.

3. MOTOROLA'S INTEREST AND NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL OBVIOUSLY
OVERLAP IN SENSITIVE AREA OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY. SHOULD
FORMER OBTAIN CONTRACT TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL COMMUNICATIONS
AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT, AND TRAIN PERSONNEL TO OPERATE AND
MAINTAIN IT, MOTOROLA TECHNICIANS PRESUMABLY WOULD BE IN FREQUENT
CLOSE CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREAN MILITARY TECHNICIANS. DEPARTMENT
WILL NOT INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES FOR GOOD OR ILL WHICH SUCH
BIZARRE SITUATION WOULD AFFORD.
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